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SUBJECT: UNESCO REGIONAL MEETINGS

1. ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TAKE UP FOLLOWING MATTER AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN FOREIGN MINISTRIES.

2. UNESCO 92 ND EXECUTIVE BOARD ( MAY 1973) ADOPTED DECISION  
4.2 WHICH HAD EFFECT OF ADDING CANADA AND US TO EUROPEAN  
REGIONAL GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL  
MEETINGS AT INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVEL AS FULL PARTICIPANTS,  
AND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP.  
BOARD DECISION STATES THAT THIS ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN INTO  
ACCOUNT WHEN BOARD IS CALLED UPON IN FUTURE TO DECIDE ON  
INVITATIONS TO REGIONAL MEETINGS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
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CHARACTER.

3. CANADA AND US WOULD LIKE TO REOPEN INVITATIONS TO BUCHAREST MEETING OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION ( NOVEMBER 1973) AND SEEK BOARD APPROVAL TO ATTEND AS FULL PARTICIPANTS WITH FULL VOTING RIGHTS. TWO COUNTRIES ARE THUS CONSIDERING INSCRIBING QUESTION OF INVITATIONS ON AGENDA OF 93 RD EXECUTIVE BOARD WHICH CONVENES SEPTEMBER 12 IN PARIS.

4. US CONSIDERS IT ADVANTAGEOUS FOR FOUR COUNTRIES TO ACT TOGETHER TO CONFIRM THEIR DE FACTO ADDITION TO RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS PENDING CONFIRMATION BY 18 TH GENERAL CONFERENCE ( OCTOBER 1974). DEPARTMENT THUS WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE CONSIDERED OR INTEND CONSIDERING REOPENING INVITATIONS TO REGIONAL MEETING ON CULTURAL POLICIES IN ASIA SCHEDULED TO BE HELD DECEMBER 10-20 AT JAKARTA. SINCE INVITATIONS ALREADY ISSUED BY PREVIOUS BOARD, AS IS CASE FOR BUCHAREST MEETING, MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE REOPENED BY INSCRIPTION OF ITEM ON AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING AS WELL AT 93 RD BOARD. EITHER AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND, OR BOTH, CAN INSCRIBE ITEM ON AGENDA AS MEMBER STATE EVEN THOUGH NEITHER IS REPRESENTED ON BOARD. US DOES NOT SEEK TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE AS FULL PARTICIPANT, BUT PROBABLY WILL SEND OBSERVER DELEGATION.

5. DECISION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND COULD HAVE EFFECT ON US AND CANADIAN DECISION TO INSCRIBE INVITATIONS TO BUCHAREST MEETING ON AGENDA, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. PLEASE KEEP CANADIAN EMBASSIES INFORMED OF YOUR APPROACHES AND REACTION, AND REPEAT REPLY TO OTTAWA AND PARIS FOR INFO. PORTER

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